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GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS
CHIMPU
ITANAGAR

NOTIFICATION

The 9th March, 2024

No. DIA-11022/3/2023-O/o Dir.Indigenous Affairs/532-35.—The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is pleased to notify 'The Guidelines for providing financial assistance for celebration of Local Indigenous Festival of Arunachal Pradesh' to enable them to practice, showcase and promote the various aspects of the tribal life relating to their culture, custom, traditions and institutional knowledge and shall be effective from the date of publication of this Notification. The list of festival is appended below as **Annexure - II**.

1. Highlight of the guidelines :

1. (1) Procedure for Submitting Proposals :

The registered or recognized indigenous local festival committee or bodies willing to celebrate a tribal festival shall send their proposal as per the format in **Annexure-I**, indicating the name of the festival, tribe, district and highlighting the events with a brief write-up on the festivals. After compliance with the format, the proposal shall be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner of the district for processing and vetting by the constituted Screening Committee, which consists of the following persons :

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| (i) Deputy Commissioner | : Chairman |
| (ii) Nominee Member of DIA | : Member |
| (iii) President, District Unit, IFCSAP | : Member |
| (iv) President, District CBIO | : Member |
| (v) Nodal Officer, DIA | : Member Secretary |

Department of Indigenous Affairs shall provide possible financial assistance with an equal opportunity to all tribes for their striving to preserve and disseminate the indigenous tribal festivals in an original environment with progressive standardization of such tribal festivals. The Screening Committee at the district level shall perform the utmost meticulous exercise to ensure the festival is indigenous or non-indigenous and shall mandatorily draw a representative, not below the position of the President, District Unit, and Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP) and community-based indigenous organizations (CBIO) of the district shall be the members of the Screening Committee with co-terminus with the tenure of office in the respective organization(s). All the notified and listed indigenous tribal festivals under the Department of Indigenous Affairs, Government of Arunachal Pradesh shall be eligible to apply proposal to avail the financial assistance as under :

- (2) Name and details address of the first head priest (supernatural ordained priest), the second head priest and the third head priest, along with the assistant priests' names for performing the rites and rituals of the festivals, shall be mandatorily disclosed and furnished as in the format of **Annexure-I** to establish documents giving proof shall be submitted with the proposal ;
- (3) without the engagement of priest(s) and rituals ceremony, no festival grants shall be given to the local festival committee ;
- (4) The application shall be submitted along with detailed synopsis of the festival, in addition to other relevant details, etcetera ;
- (5) The festival committee whosoever, apply to seek financial assistance, must be a registered committee or affiliated body of the Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP) and shall submit the audited financial statements of previous years duly certified by the Deputy Commissioner or local Administrative officers of the areas with the proposal to ascertain the credential of the festival committee ; and
- (6) The festival committee shall give the details of festival rite and ritual ceremony events with specific mention of the number of days, dates, venue and time of the celebration of the festivals.

Provided that anything wanting of the above conditions, the application proposal for seeking financial assistance to celebrate or organize indigenous tribal festivals shall be summarily rejected without assigning any reason.

2. Terms of Financial Assistance :

The financial assistance grants shall be provided to the recognized and officially indigenous tribal festival for organizing festivals across the state. This is to support the organizing committee's efforts to celebrate tribal festival in their own original environment and methods. Financial assistance shall not be provided to those indigenous tribal festivals which are organized or being celebrated outside of the territory of Arunachal Pradesh, whatsoever may be the reasons. It shall be mandatory for the festival committee to disclose and furnish details of funds received or received from any other agencies or funding departments of the State and Centre Government along with the application. No request shall be entitled for ex post facto reimbursement of the amount incurred in celebrating the festivals. The application shall be submitted at least three (3) weeks before the festival rites and rituals commence and shall submit to the Deputy Commissioner of respective Districts except for the Itanagar Capital Region, which is to submit directly to the Director, Department of Indigenous Affairs, Chimpu, Itanagar with prerequisite prescribed details. The granting of funds under financial assistance for the promotion of tribal indigenous festival shall largely be comprised of the following :

- (1) All the festival grant shall be provided on an installment basis of which 70% of the grant shall be released as the first installment. The second and final installment of 30% shall be released after submission of the Utilization Certificate duly certified by the Deputy Commissioner or Local Administrative officers of the areas detailing the utilization of funds received to promote the indigenous festival ;
- (2) It shall be mandatory to submit the festival report in detail, the outcome of the funding, which shall include the event wise executed to promote the indigenous festivals with a copy of audio-video, images or photographs for official record purposes ; and
- (3) Any financial assistance shall be subjected to the recommendation of the Screening Committee and subject to the availability of funds.

3. Power to remove difficulties :

If any difficulties arise in giving effect to the provision of this Guidelines, the Department of Indigenous Affairs, and Government of Arunachal Pradesh may, by order published in the official Gazette, make such provisions or/ clauses, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Guidelines, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty.

Notwithstanding, every order made under this clause (5) shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before the Arunachal Pradesh Indigenous Affairs Council (APIAC) while it is in sitting, or in the next successive sitting seeks to approve in making any modification in the Guidelines that the order shall thereafter have effect only in such modified forms or be of no effect, as the case may be ; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that order.

4. Application form for Financial Assistance of Local Festival :

ANNEXURE - I

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS
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APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL FESTIVAL

1.	Name of the Festival	:	
2.	Detail Address (with mobile/email address) of the Festival Committee	:	
3.	Brief Synopsis of the festival with Details Cultural Significance.	:	
4.	The Outlay of Tentative Date and Duration of Festival and Cultural Events.	:	
5.	Name and Address of all the Priest selected to Perform Rites and Rituals Ceremony of the Festival (with Identity Card and Aadhar Card Number)	:	
6.	Cost of Estimate of Proposal (with detail head wise break-up).	:	
7.	Details of the Bank Account.	:	
8.	Audited Financial Statements of the Festival Committee of Previous Years duly Certified by the Deputy Commissioner or Local Administrative Officers of the Areas.	:	
9.	Other Sources of Funding, if any. Give details.	:	
10.	List of Documents enclosed.	:	

Signature of the Festival Committee
Name and Address :
Designation :
Tribe Belong to :

ANNEXURE - II

5. List of Local festival :

Sl. No.	Name of festival	Tribe	District	Date & Month
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Si Donyi Hilo	Tagin	Upper Subansiri	5th-6th January
2.	Torgya Festival	Monpa	Tawang	9th January
3.	Sarok	Aka	Bichom.	11th January
4.	Reh	Idu Mishmi	Lower Dibang Valley, Dibang Valley, Lohit, Upper Siang, East Siang	1st February
5.	Donyi Mari	Galo	Leparada, Lower Siang, West Siang	5th February
6.	Lhachhuth	Meyor	Anjaw	5th February
7.	Boori Boot Yullo	Nyishi	Kamle	6th February
8.	Shapong Yawang Manowpoi	Singpho	Namsai and Changlang	14th February
9.	Tamla Du	Kaman Mishmi and Taraon Mishmi	Lohit and Anjaw	15th February
10.	Oriah	Wancho	Longding	16th February
11.	Moh-Mol	Tangsa	Changlang	23rd February
12.	Nyokum Yullo	Nyishi	East Kameng, Pakke Kessang, Keyi Panyor, Kamle, Upper Subansiri, Kra -Daadi, Kurung Kumey, Papum Pare.	26th February
13.	Losar	Monpa, Sherdukpen, Memba, Khamba and Meyor	Tawang, West Kameng, Upper Siang and Anjaw	February-March
14.	Unying Aran Gidi	Adi	Siang, Upper Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley	7th March
15.	Mopin	Galo	Leparada, Lower Siang, West Siang	5th-8th April
16.	Pongtu Kuh	Tutsa	Changlang and Tirap	11th April
17.	Sangken	Tai Khamti	Namsai	14th April
18.	Longte	Nyishi	Kra-Daadi and Kurung Kumey	15th April
19.	Gumkum Gumpa	Puroik	East Kameng, Pakke Kessang and Bichom	25th April
20.	Worang Juku	Nocte	Tirap	April-May
21.	Etor Giidi	Adi	Siang, Upper Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley	15th May
22.	Sahchawan	Wancho	Longding	30th May
23.	Harong	Tangsa	Changlang	10th June
24.	Choekor	Sherdukpen and Monpa	West Kameng and Tawang	Lunar Calendar (June)
25.	Dree	Apatani	Lower Subansiri	5th July
26.	Ronghuan	Nocte	Tirap	July-August
27.	Zhom Puja Festival	Monpa	Tawang	August
28.	Solung Giidi	Adi	Siang, Upper Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley	1st September

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29.	Pham-Kho Sowai	Bugun	West Kameng	10th -12th September
30.	Tang	Sartang	West Kameng	12th September
31.	Keh-meh-haa	Idu Mishmi	Lower Dibang Valley, Dibang Valley, Lohit, Upper Siang, East Siang	24th September
32.	Chindang	Sajolang	Bichom	10th -15th October
33.	Lauden	Wancho	Longding	20th October
34.	Xwrmen Baqqii Aloo	Galo	Leparada, Lower Siang, West Siang	5th November
35.	Nyetrii Dow	Aka	West Kameng	10th-15th November
36.	Chalo Loku	Nocte	Tirap	25th November
37.	Siju	Tagin	Upper Subansiri	27th November
38.	Poi-Pee Maw Tai	Tai Khamti	Namsai	30th November
39.	Podi Barbi	Adi	Shi-Yomi	5th December
40.	Khikshaba	Sherdukpen	West Kameng	Lunar Calendar (December)

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